

Korea

On 25 June 1950, North Korean forces invaded South Korea, and the resulting conflict remains one of America's least understood wars. After the South Korean's lightly armed forces failed to halt the onslaught, the capital of Seoul fell. On 30 June 1950, President Truman committed American ground forces. In Korea, signalmen were forced to fight as infantryman in order to preserve their communication equipment as well as their lives. One infantryman was quoted as saying, "Here they (the enemy) are shooting all over, and those crazy Signal Joes are going on laying lines like nothin's happening". Most of the communication equipment used in Korea was essentially the same as was used during WWII. The Korean War exhibit consists of a Signal Soldier dressed in typical winter field gear with a AN/PRC-10 radio on his back. The AN/PRC-10 came into the Army inventory in March, 1951. It is a FM radio which was used as a squad radio with a range of five to eight miles. The rifle is a standard issue M1 Garand.

